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Burk. A large part of the new accessions have been mounted, and the same work has been prosecuted in the North American Herbarium, of which now about one-half has received this care, so necessary to the permanent preservation of the specimens.

The donations received during the year amount to 1687 species of phanerogams and ferns, and 383 species of lichens and fungi, in all 2070 species. Of the former, 395 species are new to our Herbarium, while probably a large part of the fungi and lichens are also new to us. The total number of species presented is less than in some former years, but it will be seen that the proportion of *new* accessions is not materially diminished. Of the 2070 species received 1366 are North American, 37 South American, and 667 are from the old world.

Among the donations we may specify the valuable contribution of exotic plants received from Dr. Asa Gray of the Cambridge Herbarium; a series of 365 species collected by Mr. Meehan in Western North America in 1883; and a valuable collection of 388 species of S. African, Australian and European plants from Mr. Wm. M. Canby.

A complete list of the donations accompanies this report, and will appear in its proper place in the list of Additions to the Museum.

JOHN H. REDFIELD,
Conservator.

REPORT OF THE MINERALOGICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The Director of the Mineralogical and Geological Section of the Academy of Natural Science would respectfully report that meetings of the Section have been regularly held, but that owing to the absence of active members, and other causes, the attendance has not been as large as in former years. Considerable accessions to the cabinet have been made—a number of desirable specimens having been purchased with the funds of the Section.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director.